



JOINT REQUIREMENTS
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Vice Chief of Staff, US Army
Vice Chief of Naval Operations
Vice Chief of Staff, US Air Force
Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps

Subject: Safe Weapons in Joint Warfighting Environments

1. The Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC) approved the establishment of a Joint Weapons Safety Technical Advisory Panel (JWSTAP) to advise the Deputy Director for Force Protection, J-8, on joint weapons safety issues. The JROC also approved the institution of a Safe Weapons in Joint Warfighting Environments endorsement within the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS) vetting process, upon the development and approval of a JWSTAP charter. The Joint Staff, J-8, Protection Assessment Division will develop and coordinate the JWSTAP charter for joint approval.

2. Because all weapons/weapon systems have the potential of being deployed together or employed in joint environments, weapons and weapon systems will be considered joint systems within the JCIDS process unless they are assigned the Joint Potential Designator of "Independent".

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